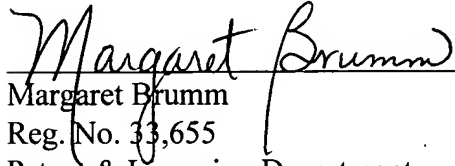


**REMARKS**

Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and courteously requests a Notice of Allowance for all claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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